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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: HIGH THROUGHPUT OR CAPILLARY-  
BASED SCREENING FOR A BIOACTIVITY  
OR BIOMOLECULE

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### RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO GROUP AND SPECIES RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Election/Restriction Requirement Office Action mailed March 13, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Action was initially due April 13, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to this Office Action for five months to September 13, 2006. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Consideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendment to the specification** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendment to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, Petition for Extension of Time, Postcard.